

ods, but by the implanting and development of great, fundamental truths and principles in human hearts. Christ was loyal to the government under which he lived, and he taught his disciples, to "render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's and unto God the things that are God's;" the apostle exhorted believers to be "subject to the powers that be." Christ did not attack the government of Rome. He did not come to conquer with the sword. He had a more powerful weapon. It was truth. He aimed to penetrate the hearts and lives of people with the truth and spirit of the Gospel; to get control of the heart, knowing that he who rules the hearts of people, rules the world. If the government of Rome is to be changed, Christ will not undertake the work, by setting himself in opposition to it; he will rather go alone to Nicodemus and lay down to him the fundamental, radical doctrine, which carried to its legitimate results, will make a new creature, and prepare the way for a new and glorious kingdom to be built on the wreck and ruin of human institutions. The command of the Savior, accompanied by the power to perform, "You must be born again" has done more to change the political government of nations than all the armies of the world. Christ taught the grand and sublime doctrine of the universal brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God, and these great principles are gradually evolutionizing the world. Let us learn the lesson so much needed. If we would have good, clean government and politics, let us get good, clean hearts into the people, hearts in which Jesus is enthroned, and the laws will be made and the government administered to the best interests of the people.

#### MAKING AN HONEST LIVING.

Under the above caption, a brother writes as follows:

"God is our living and all outside of God is death. Jesus our perfect redeemer bought back all we lost in Adam. He opened up Eden. If we will obey him we can go back in Eden where no slavery exists. Yet Christians talk about making an honest living. Labor and toil, and slavery all came on us, for our sins. Now we become Christs'. Our slavery is gone unless we prefer to stay in it."

This brother, if such he is, evidently has an aversion for what we call *work*. He puts toil, labor, work and slavery, all in the same category, and seems to think that they are a result of our sin, and that by

getting back into Eden, (being converted) exempts us from toil. If such be the case then are we all out of Christ, especially "Ye editor." We toil and toil hard, from twelve to fifteen hours a day. By the way, if we read our Bible correctly, even Adam was not exempt from work, for was he not to *dress* the garden. These are warm days and we would be glad to have even a "peep" into that garden where people grow and do like the lily, "neither toil nor spin." Where is it brother, quick.

#### HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE.

In this issue we give our readers a symposium on, "How to study the Bible Profitably." The various contributors have performed their duty remarkably well, there being not a dull article in the series. The readers of the EVANGELIST will find some very valuable hints in this series of articles. It will be observed that the importance of Bible study is not much touched upon, for the reason that the importance of a more thorough study of the Bible is admitted by all who accept its teachings as the Word of God.

The study of God's Word is too much neglected. The Bible is very extensively *read*, but not so extensively *studied*. There are many good people who find great portions of the Bible rather dull reading, for the reason that they do not comprehend it, and they fail to comprehend it because they do not read it systematically and intelligently. With a view of helping such of our readers who find no pleasure in the study of the Word, and others who desire to study the Word more systematically and profitably as well as with a greater degree of pleasure, we solicited, and now publish these contributions. We have reasons to hope that they will do good in the way of stimulating more earnest Bible study.

#### Personal Mention.

Brother Spanogle reports his congregations in good working order, gradually growing in number and spirituality.

Brother Shaver baptized three last week and four more last Sabbath. He expects to organize another congregation in the Valley soon.

In brother J. M. Bowman's report last week he meant to say 36 communed instead of 30. The correction came too late for last paper.

Brother Hamilton, of Galesburg, Kan., expresses a good thought when he says, "they *made* an opportunity." That's right. Too many wait for something to "turn up," instead of going to work and "turning it up."

The Brethren of Philadelphia, according to Brother Cassel's report, are quite busy. They have but *one* pastor and yet services were held at *four* different places at one and the same time. Brother Bowman has the right idea—get every member of the church to work.

Brother Smith gives a very interesting report of his year's work in his present charge. Fifty-three have been added to the church. He has been unanimously elected for the third year. The rather personal references in his communication, we hope will not be misinterpreted.

Brother Louis S. Bauman of Auburn, Ill., writes:

"On Saturday, May 2, six were baptized, and now stand in full fellowship with the church at this place. The cause moves onward."

"Faith, mighty faith, the promise sees,  
And looks to Christ alone;  
Laughs at impossibilities  
And cries, 'It shall be done.'"

Sister Clara Folora makes the following report: Three accessions to the Brethren church at Dallas Center. King's Children, Sabbath-school and prayer-meeting doing good work. Two accessions to the Leon congregation. Good Sabbath-school, good congregations and interest. Brother Grief started on his visit to Germany. The Dallas Center church prays for his safe return.

#### PROGRAM.

1. Studies in the Gospel of St. John. J. M. Bowman.

(One hour each day except Sunday and Monday.)

2. For one hour on the days named below, J. M. Bowman on subjects indicated.

Wednesday. Benefits of Bible Study.

Thursday. " " " "

Friday. How to study the Bible.

Saturday. " " " " "

Tuesday. The Divinity of Christ

Wednesday. The Humanity of Christ.

Thursday. Why Christ Died.

Friday. Some Teachings concerning the Holy Spirit in Acts.

3. Studies in the Life of Christ. J. A. Miller.

(One hour each day.)

4. The work of the second period for J. A. Miller to be determined by the class.

5. Services will be held each evening during the session.

Program to be arranged.